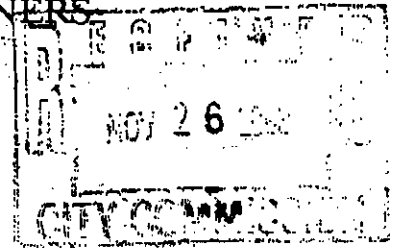




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Honorable Mayor John Marks
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Re: Leon County Review of Eastern Transmission Line

Dear Mayor Marks:

At the November 18, 2003 meeting, the Leon County Commission discussed the proposed Overhead Eastern Transmission Line (ETL). Concerns were raised regarding the recommended route, design, aesthetics, and potential health hazards involved in the ETL project.

It is my understanding that the City Commission will consider final review and approval of the ETL project at its December 10, 2003 meeting. The consultant's report was completed in September 2003. However, the final report was not released for public review until recently. This is to formally request that the City Commission delay any final decision on this matter until Leon County has the opportunity to review the consultant's final study report on the ETL and provide input into this important project.

City Commission consideration of this request and postponement of a decision on this critical issue would be appreciated. You may contact me at 487-4747 to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Tony Grippa

Tony Grippa
Chairman

cc: Leon County Commission
City of Tallahassee Commission
Anita Favors, City Manager



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Honorable Mayor John Marks
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Dear Mayor Marks:

At their November 25, 2003 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners again discussed the City's proposed Overhead Eastern Transmission Line (ETL) project. Concerns were again raised by the Board regarding the City's proposed route for the ETL, the status of the Department of Transportation (DOT) permits regarding this project, potential health risks and wildlife concerns, and possible property value impacts in relation to the placement of the transmission line near neighborhoods.

As Commissioner Grippa requested in his November 20, 2003 letter to you, the Board is again requesting that the City Commission delay its approval of the transmission line until such time that the Leon County Board of County Commissioners has an opportunity to discuss its concerns with the City Commission. The following is a list of issues the Board would like to discuss:

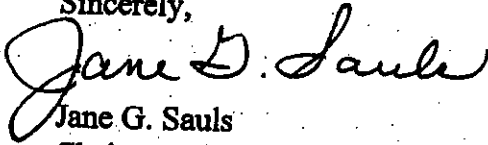
- 1) Exploration of the CXS Railroad and other alternatives as potential routes for the line.
- 2) Exploration of line burial and alternative burial methods (e.g., trenching).
- 3) Potential health risks associated with transmission lines near neighborhoods.
- 4) Potential negative impacts to wildlife.
- 5) Aesthetic concerns regarding the transmission line.
- 6) Status of the City's DOT permits relating to the transmission line project.
- 6) Potential devaluation of property values to properties near the transmission line.
- 7) Plans to purchase homes in close proximity to the transmission line.

We believe that a thoughtful discussion of these issues will ensure a more favorable solution regarding the placement of the transmission line.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request for postponement of a decision on this issue. I will place the issue on the agenda for our first Mayor/ Chair meeting. At that time we can discuss the appropriate forum to address these issues.

Sincerely,



Jane G. Sauls
Chairman

cc: Leon County Commission
City of Tallahassee Commission
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